FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED TO HELP WITH COVID-19 RELIEF

The grant provides one-time funding to increase ability to address COVID-19 pandemic by providing licensure information and adding new capacity to aid in helping a range of clinicians working with different boards to expand workforce and access to care in rural communities.

Tyrone, Georgia (January 27, 2021) – As reported in July of this year, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) federal funding to help provide support for the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). The Board of Directors of ASPPB is proud to announce the creation of the Multi-Discipline Licensure Resource (MDLR) Project. The purpose of the Multi-Discipline Licensure Resource Project is two-fold: provide general licensure information for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychology and Social Work and increase access to telepsychological services.

A major component of the project is the MDLR website. This website is an easily accessed resource hub providing information on licensure processes across a platform of professions. The website is now live at https://licensureproject.org/ and provides information on a wide variety of topics around licensure such as how to get licensed, licensure requirements, licensure during COVID-19, how to contact licensing boards and how to verify a license. By presenting this information in one location and providing clinicians with additional resources, the practitioner can easily gather licensure information to assist them in the expansion of telehealth services and the ability to access care, especially in high need areas such as rural locations.

While the MDLR website focuses on easing the licensure process for several professions, the second part of the project focuses on psychology and increasing access to care via telepsychology. To that purpose, ASPPB is excited to announce that the E.Passport application fee ($400) waiver is being extended through January 31, 2021.

In order to be eligible for the E.Passport, one of the requirements is that the applicant must have a current and active psychology license, based on a doctoral degree, in at least one Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) participating state. The current PSYPACT participating states are:
Arizona – AZ HB 2503 (Enacted on 5/17/2016)
Colorado - CO HB 1017 (Enacted 4/12/2018)
Delaware - DE HB 172 (Enacted 6/27/2019)
Georgia - GA HB 26 (Enacted 4/23/2019)
Illinois - IL HB 1853 (Enacted 8/22/2018)
Missouri - MO HB 1719/MO SB 660 (Enacted 6/1/2018)
Nebraska - NE L 1034 (Enacted 4/23/2018)
New Hampshire- NH SB 232 (Enacted 7/10/2019)
Nevada - NV AB 429 (Enacted on 5/26/2017)
Oklahoma - OK HB 1057 (Enacted 4/29/2019)
Pennsylvania - PA SB 67 (Enacted 5/8/2020)
Texas - TX HB 1501 (Enacted 6/10/2019)
Utah - UT SB 106 (Enacted on 3/17/2017)
Virginia - VA SB 760 (Enacted 4/11/2020)
North Carolina - NC 361 (Enacted 7/1/2020) *Effective 3/1/2021

For more information about PSYPACT, please visit the PSYPACT website at https://psypact.org/